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AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS


Dear Sir:

Applicants submit these remarks in response to the Office Action dated April 13, 1998 in the above-captioned application. Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks that follow.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 5, line 9, change "Figure 2 shows" to --Figures 2A-2B show--.

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On page 6, line 7, change "Figure 5 shows" to --Figur s 5A-5C show--.

ε¹ On page 6, line 8, following "prot ins.", please ins rt -- Figure 5A shows VN cleavage by speB with time. Figure 5B shows FN cleavage by speB with time. Figure 5C shows LN cleavage by speB with time.--

On page 6, line 9, please change "Figure 6 shows" to --Figures 6A-6B show--.

ε² On page 6, line 10, following "cultures.", please insert -- Figure 6A shows gels of the proteins pre and post cleavage. Figure 6B shows tissue structure pre and post cleavage.--

On page 8, line 11, please delete "claim 5".

REMARKS

Applicants submit the following remarks in response. Applicants have amended the specification as suggested by the Examiner.

In regard to the outstanding rejections, Applicants respond as follows:

35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1 and 2 are not indefinite.